

do is make a commitment in the beginning of a session.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator George, could I interrupt you for just a second. You have got two amendments up here, the Clerk tells me. Would you tell us which one we are talking about right now?

SENATOR GEORGE: The amendment, I believe, is, it may have two parts, but it is just written as one amendment.

CLERK: Senator, you offered me an amendment last year and that is the one that I read. I assume that maybe that is the one you want withdrawn. You gave me one this year that is on page 569 of the Journal. Is that the one that you are addressing?

SENATOR GEORGE: That is correct.

CLERK: All right. I assume then that the one that I read you would like withdrawn then, is that correct?

SENATOR GEORGE: From last session?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, I would like to have it withdrawn.

CLERK: Okay, very good. Thank you.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do you have it straight now, Mr. Clerk? Okay, go ahead, Senator George. I am sorry for the interruption.

SENATOR GEORGE: As I said before, all I would like us to do is that in the beginning of a session, we will set the tax rate and then try to live up to that. I am just afraid that if we have the power to set the tax rates that we will wait until the end of the session. We will total up all of the A bills, the budget bills, and then simply figure out how much we have to raise the income and sales tax and I don't think that should be done that way. There is a second part to the amendment. We have done that by motion so far. This is what Senator Warner has done and all it would do to put this into law. It says there in section (4), the Legislature shall not pass any appropriation bills prior to March 15 of each year. As you remember, we are doing that right now. We are holding those A bills but this is simply just done because of a motion by Senator Warner. Now this would be put into law that we cannot pass any A bills and we have to hold them. So these are the two parts of the amendment and I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, we have two lights on previous, Senator Koch and Senator Dworak. Do you both wish to speak on this amendment? Senator Koch, on the amendment of Senator George's and then Senator Dworak.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator George, if he would yield.

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: How is the Legislature intelligently going